SECTION 3- UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT

Section 3.1 Standard Uniform

The standard uniform of a CCAC official is determined by TASO based on the National Federation guidelines. A white polo shirt with the authorized TASO logo located on the right side of the chest shall be worn. An authorized grey shirt may be optionally worn provided both the R1 and R2 have matching uniforms. The authorized polo shirts shall be purchased **only from authorized vendors**. The shirt should be clean and not faded with any stains or tears. The shirt should be properly pressed and wrinkle-free. You should always tuck your shirt inside your pants (exception for pregnancy). It is highly recommended but optional that your shirt has a pocket on the left side of the chest. If an undershirt is worn, it should be solid white. Undergarments which may be visible should be conservative in nature and color.
If a second crew is coming to call lines, the line judge uniforms must match each other, they do not have to match the R1 and R2.

Only those patches or pins that have been approved by TASO and CCAC should be worn in their appropriate places. Currently, the American flag is the only authorized patch and shall be worn centered on the left sleeve, two inches from the shoulder seam. The only authorized pins are the National Federation 25 years pin and the TASO State Tournament Official pin. The NF pin should be worn on the right collar and the TASO State Tournament Official pin should be worn on the left collar.

A long sleeve white sweatshirt with the TASO logo, purchased from an authorized vendor, may be worn over the official uniform polo shirt. The sweatshirt is not tucked in. The full zippered sweatshirt should be worn closed (zippered) to chest level.

Black pants shall be worn. They should not be black jeans or wind pants and should not be faded or stained. The pants shall be clean and pressed for a professional look. If the pants have belt loops, a black belt with a small buckle shall be worn. They should not be culottes, Capri pants, or fleece sweat slacks. Shorts are not allowed in the Corpus Christi Area Chapter.

Black athletic shoes shall be worn. The shoes should be clean and well maintained. If the athletic shoes require laces, they should be black and of the proper length. The soles of the shoes should be black. The athletic shoes should NOT be of the type that has pressure lights or other ornaments to cause attention to the shoes. Socks shall be black and minimum length shall be ½ crew (cover the ankle).

Your overall appearance should be conservative; the purpose of the uniform is to identify you as an official at the site, not to bring attention to you. Always remember not to wear anything that will bring unneeded attention to you.

Pagers and cell phones are not part of the TASO-Volleyball uniform and shall not be worn. Conservative medical equipment like an insulin monitor/pump may be worn.

Section 3.2 Mandatory Equipment

The CCAC official is required to also have the following equipment with them at the match site:

2 Black Whistles with Black Lanyard*
Lineup Cards
Flipping Coin
Net Measuring Chain
Pen/Pencil
Important Phone Numbers
(*see exception Section 3.7)
Red & Yellow Cards
Ball Air Pressure Gauge
Rule Book
Travel Voucher
Set of Red Flags
Watch (do not use iphone)
Air Pump

Section 3.3 Jewelry

Do not wear excessive jewelry, the less the better. If possible do not wear any jewelry. Any jewelry worn should be subtle and of good taste. Earrings should be small, and necklaces should be inside shirt. Bracelets are strongly discouraged as they may impede or distract from calling signals. You should not wear facial jewelry such as nose rings, eyebrow studs, tongue studs, etc. Cloth (friendship) or rubber (Lance Armstrong) bracelets or anklets should not be worn during a match as they detract from one's professional image.

Section 3.4 Timing Devices

You must wear some type of timing device (i.e. watch). A conservative digital watch is prefered but not mandatory. If your choice is to use a smart watch, you may use your smart watch only as a timing device beginning from the start of the prematch conference to the end of the match. Likewise if using the timer on your smartphone, silence the phone (vibrate only) and use only as a timer. The R1 should never use a smart phone while on the stand even for timing purposes.

Section 3.5 Glasses

Do not wear sunglasses (regular or prescribed). If you wear prescription glasses or protective glasses, make sure they are in proper condition and clean. If you wear contacts, bring all necessary equipment to maintain contacts or to replace them.

Section 3.6 Hats, Hair Adornments, Hair

Do not wear any hats or caps once you have arrived at the game site. You should not wear any type of head covering.

Hair barrettes or other adornments used to control the hair must be subtle and of good taste. The barrettes should be small and of a color to blend in the hair as much as possible. Your hair should be properly groomed, the use of temporary colors which are not natural hair colors are prohibited (Spray can colors, glitter colors, neon colors, etc.)

Male officials should have a shaved appearance if you do not normally have facial hair. If you have facial hair, it must be well groomed and properly maintained.

Section 3.7 Hygiene

Personal hygiene is of the utmost importance. It is highly recommended that an official use proper personal hygiene. Because game sites can become hot (no air conditioning, air conditioning fails, etc.), the official should use deodorant as needed. If the official wishes to use gum to freshen breath, it should be used before arrival at the game site. A breath mint or chewing gum is allowable provided obvious chewing motions are not used. Remember to dispose of the breath mint/chewing gum prior to the start of the match. Any item in the mouth could interfere with the blowing of a whistle.

Section 3.8 Breast Cancer Awareness Participation

The Chapter and TASO both support the participation of observing Breast Cancer Awareness Month during the month of October. During this time, the member may make the following exceptions to the uniform and equipment as stated in Section 3.1 and Section 3.2:

The member may use a pink whistle with lanyard. The lanyard may be either black or pink. This can be used anytime during the month of October.

The member may wear a pink polo shirt or single event pink t-shirt (supplied by the event host). This may be worn only at matches that where the host team is participating in a Breast Cancer Awareness event. If the event host supplies a t-shirt, it may be worn only at that event and on top of the normal TASO uniform.

A pink ribbon or a lapel pin showing participation in Breast Cancer Awareness may be worn during the month of October but should be minimal in size.

If there is any doubt about exceptions to the standard uniform, contact your Division Representative and Chapter President for guidance. Everything listed in Section 3.7 may only be utilized during the month of October.

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